

Record Field of Candidates Enter Race

Candidates For Mayor

ALBERT ISEN



Incumbent candidate Albert Isen has held the post of Mayor of Torrance for the past seven years, preceding that with one year of service as city councilman.

He has spearheaded several community drives, including the successful defeat of a move to rezone the controversial Marble Estate property and a community project that succeeded in locating the Southwest District Superior Court Facility in the Torrance civic center.

An attorney, he has maintained a successful practice in Torrance for nearly 30 years.

He has actively participated in Red Cross drives and YMCA fund raising campaigns, and actively led the drive to have Torrance named as All-American City.

ROGER P. HOGUE



An advocate of better city planning, Roger "Pat" Hogue has campaigned on a platform of increased responsibility and authority for the Planning Commission and curtailment of council practice of overruling their recommendations.

Hogue has served as chairman of the city water commission, chairman of the youth baseball council for two terms, coordinator for the Pop Warner Football Association and, as a member of the Southwest Park Civic Association, served as chairman, vice president and president.

Active in the Rose Parade organization, he is presently employed as a sheet metal foreman for an L.A. concern.

He has worked for the past seven years in the city's youth baseball program as a coach, manager and member of the board.

ARTHUR ARMIGO

A Torrance resident for the past five years, Arthur Armigo is a self-employed metal craft worker.

The candidate is active in the Torrance Moose Lodge, PTA, and is a U.S. Navy veteran. He is an active member of the Catholic Church.

Armigo resides at 4309 Carson St. He has stated that if elected, the mayor's office will remain in the hands and control of the people at all times.

He feels that his sixteen years in the metal craft business have given him sufficient experience in dealing with the public, and has stated that he knows "their wants and complaints" concerning civic affairs.

JEFF BELL

Making his second bid for city office, Jeff W. Bell campaigned for a city council post two years ago, but was

not elected.

Bell has resided in Torrance for the past 23 years and is active in youth work. He helped organize the Torrance Youth Baseball Council, is a past president of the Torrance Babe Ruth League, and secretary as well as vice-president of the North Torrance Little League.

The candidate and his wife, Jane, live at 3719 W. 187th St. with their sons.

After serving in the U.S. Navy in World War II, Bell was employed as a welder in the Harbor area and is now a barber.

WILLYS BLOUNT



A city councilman for the past 11 years, Willys Blount this year became one of the front-running candidates for the mayor's post when he decided not to seek reelection to his former seat.

Former resident of Texas, Blount moved to Torrance in 1948 and now makes his home at 1444 El Prado with his wife and three children.

A firm believer in adequate zoning laws, rigidly enforced, rather than politically influenced individual treatment in zoning cases, he favors the establishment of a city-wide master zoning plan.

Heading up the council's airport committee, Blount has been instrumental in establishing policy at the local port, and in gaining federal aid in expanding it.

Extremely active in Boy Scout work, Blount is a member of the Royal Arch Masons, Al Malaikah Shrine, Torrance Lodge F & AM, Golden West Commandery and Knights Templar. He served as chairman of the city-to-city program, and on the state college committee and library committee.

Candidates For City Council

JOHN J. BARTON



One of the strongest contenders for one of the three vacant seats on the Torrance city council is John Barton, attorney and past president of the South Torrance Democratic Club.

Barton is campaigning vigorously on a program of eliminating what he calls "spot-zoning," holding line on property assessments and the preservation of home areas for homeowners.

He is a prime advocate of a city beautification project and proposes the development of teenage centers to take care of the younger population of the community.

A past chairman of the people-to-people committee he is married and, for the past 10 years, has made his home in Torrance.

He is a member of Toastmasters, Waiteria Businessmen's Ass'n., and the South Bay Bar Association.

GARTH BELKNAP



A high school teacher in the Torrance Unified School District, Garth Belknap is making his second try for a seat on the city council.

An instructor of American history, he is keenly interested in community government and feels that his position as a teacher would allow him to work for the good of the city as a member of the council with a minimum of outside interference. "The kind of work that a candidate does can determine the amount of time that he can spend on his duties as a councilman," he said.

Currently vice president of the North Torrance Democratic Club, Belknap is a member of the Torrance Education Association, the California Teachers Association and the National Educational Association.

EVA I. BISOU



Receiving the COPE endorsement during her bid for a city council post is Eva I. Bisou.

Mrs. Bisou, wife of Louis Bisou, feels that the people of Torrance are not getting fair representation and if elected, she will strive to change this situation.

The candidate is a member of the Torrance Traffic Safety Council, past president of the Southwest Park Civic Assn. and is the holder of an honorary life membership in the Assn. She has been active in PTA work for thirteen years and is currently chairman of the safety and juvenile protection committees of the Carl Steele PTA.

A member of the development committee for the Torrance Civic Center, Mrs. Bisou was chairman of the \$3 million parks and recreation bond issue two years ago.

Mrs. Bisou and her husband have three children: Robert, 18, Aglae, 16, and Louis Jr., 15.

RUSSELL E. CAMERON



Russell E. "Russ" Cameron is a self-employed agent for a mutual investment funds company. He has been a Torrance resident for the past six years.

Cameron, who resides at 4913 Bindewald Rd. with his wife, Donna, and their three children, Jeffrey, 12,

and twins Donald and Douglas, 6, has stated that every taxpayer deserves the maximum government effort for every tax dollar spent.

Formerly in the aviation branch of the U.S. Navy, Cameron feels the city can improve its services by holding the tax line, plugging some of the drains, and give a measure of tax reduction.

JEAN CLAWSON



An imminently successful Torrance businesswoman, housewife and mother is seeking election to the city council and is campaigning on a platform of improving recreational facilities within the community.

Jean Clawson, only woman member of the YMCA board of directors, is active in Chamber of Commerce programs, is a member of the Torrance Business and Professional Women's Club, Junior Women's Club, Torrance Traffic and Safety Council and Madrona School PTA.

She and her husband, a former Torrance police officer, founded and now own and operate a printing and secretarial service in the city.

Mrs. Clawson has lived in this community for the past 10 years and is the mother of a teenage son and 4-year old daughter. She is an active participant in most of the community's charitable drives.

EARLE A. FOSTER



Earle A. Foster, a Torrance resident for the past six years, is an engineering supervisor at North American Aviation.

The thirty-six year old candidate is a member of the North American Management Assn. and is committee secretary to Boy Scout Troop 986.

He believes that a healthy balance must be maintained if Torrance is to have continued development and growth.

Foster, who resides at 21314 Marjorie Ave., considers himself an able and competent candidate for the office of city councilman on the grounds that he feels each councilman must be industrious, have solid business judgement, the education and experience to cope with the problems and decisions to be made, civic pride, and must retain a broad view of all city matters.

ARTHUR D. KINANE

Arthur D. Kinane is an owner-operator of a telephone answering service. Having lived in Torrance for the past seven years, Kinane is president of the Southwest Park Civic Assn.

Kinane believes that Torrance must develop a sound master plan and adhere to it if the community is to grow and develop properly.

The candidate resides at 4713 W. 191st St. with his wife and four children. During his campaign he



HARLEY GIBSON



Manager Harley E. Gibson is the director of a law office whose educational background includes the study of law at Southwestern University and attendance in a school of photography.

A World War II veteran, the candidate resides at 4127 W. 182nd St. with his wife and five children.

He has stated that if elected to office, he will strive continually toward more realistic zoning procedures.

GEORGE KURTZ



A Torrance attorney who has led the way in many community activities, George Kurtz is seeking election to the city council.

One of the hardest workers in the defeat of the Marble Estates rezoning, he has served as chairman of the library commission.

Kurtz has campaigned on a platform of adequate zoning regulations for the city of Torrance. He has suggested a study of zoning throughout the city plus additional studies of the library system, an expanded police department and the community's recreational program.

DAVID K. LYMAN



David Lyman, a forceful young attorney and presi-

dent of the Torrance Democratic Club is one of the chief contenders for a city council seat Tuesday.

A member of the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce, Toastmasters Kiwanis Club and Elks, he is also vice president of the Methodist Men's Club of Torrance. A graduate of the University of Southern California he holds a degree in business administration in addition to his law degree.

He has campaigned forcefully for a master plan of the city, for development of vacant land and for realistic zoning of undeveloped areas. He also advocates the establishment of election districts in Torrance and the return of authority to the planning commission.

NAOMI McVEY



A Torrance mother, housewife, and tireless worker in civic activities, Mrs. Naomi McVey is one of the hardest campaigners for one of the three vacant city council posts.

A resident of the city for the past 11 years, she served for five years on the Torrance Park and Recreation Commission, and feels that the city needs a woman on the council.

Named as outstanding citizen of the year in the 1961 Chamber of Commerce competition she has been extremely active in community affairs, charitable drives and is one of the first volunteers on hand during any community crisis.

Wife of a Douglas Aircraft employee, Mrs. McVey is the mother of three children.

NAT MONDATI



Nat Mondati has been a Torrance resident for the past eighteen years and is the owner-operator of a barber shop.

He is affiliated with such organizations as the North Torrance Lions Club, the American Legion, and the Zeta Epsilon fraternity.

Active in city youth programs since 1954, Mondati regularly sponsors boys' baseball teams and has worked with the YMCA fund drive and Boy Scout groups throughout Torrance.

The forty-five year old candidate resides with his wife and four year old daughter at 3125 Sonoma St. His educational background includes schooling in Minnesota, El Camino College, and Pepperdine College.

STEWART E. ROSE

Born in Paris, Kentucky, Stewart E. "Bud" Rose, electronics technician, was raised in a Christian Church Orphanage Home in Louisville, Kentucky.

Receiving a diploma in advanced electronics from Sylvania and Packard Bell, the candidate also attended Pennsylvania State College, Draughts Business College in Dallas, Texas, Harbor Junior College and IBM School. Rose has been in-



WILLIAM S. TAYLOR

Steinbronner started his own business in 1947. He is the father of two sons, ages 8 and 10.

A Torrance resident for the past four years, William S. Taylor is a Coast Guard veteran, and a member of the Elks and North Torrance Lions Clubs.

The thirty-six year old general contractor resides at 4760 Towers St. If elected to the council, Taylor says he will work for an independent library system in the city.

Taylor is a native of Inglewood. He graduated from Redondo Union High School

Candidates For City Clerk

VERNON COIL



A long time Torrance resident, Vernon W. Coil, is one of the top ranked candidates for the post of Torrance city clerk.

Active in veteran's affairs, he is a former commander of the Torrance VFW, a member of the local American Legion and of the Disabled American Veterans.

As a candidate for the post he received the endorsement of A. H. Bartlett, present city clerk, who will not seek reelection.

A sales representative for a fireworks concern he has indicated that he would devote full time to the job if elected.

A resident of Torrance since 1927, he graduated from Torrance High.

A youth baseball enthusiast, he has been active in Little League, Connie Mark League and Colt League activities. He formerly conducted and administered teenage dances sponsored by the coordinating council.

He has been active in the Elks, 20-30 club and the Optimist Club.

ROSE CRAIG



A self-employed realtor, Mrs. Rose Craig has been a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission for five years.

The candidate and her husband, Andrew Kean Craig, reside at 4110 Carmen Ave.

Mrs. Craig's civic and community activities include being past secretary of the Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors, past president of the Women's Division of that group, state director of the California Real Estate Assn., American National Red Cross chairman of staff aides, member of the civic center planning committee and a member of the Chamber of Commerce committee on community planning.

She is a representative on the Torrance Educational Advisory Committee, past secretary of the Business and Professional Women's Club, and is active in the Torrance YWCA.

WILLIAM STEELE



Seeking election to the Torrance city council, William R. Steele a Torrance resident for the past 13 years is campaigning on a program of greater cooperation between labor unions, the Chamber of Commerce and the city government.

He and his wife have six children and are active in several clubs and social organizations in Torrance.

An electroplater, he is past president of the Catholic Men's Club.

FRED STEINBRONER



Operator of the Fred Steinbronner Automatic Transmission Service in Inglewood since 1953, Steinbronner is a charter member of the United States Auto Club and is a member of the Automatic Transmission Rebuilders Assn.

He is an active member of St. Margaret Mary's Catholic Church of Lomita and resides at 2409 Grand Summit Rd. in Torrance.

A native of Los Angeles, Steinbronner graduated from Manual Arts High School and served in the U.S. Army in World War II as a member of a Training Group in the Philippines. He is a recipient of the Island Republic's Military Merit Medal.

After being employed by a major truck manufacturer,